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To: Delta Protection Commission

From: Margit Aramburu, Executive Director

Subject: Request for Commission Sponsorship of Third "State of the Estuary" Conference

The San Francisco Estuary Project will hold its Third State of the Estuary Conference on October 10, 11, and 12, 1996. The Estuary Project is requesting that the Commission (1) be a co-sponsor, and (2) make a \$100 contribution toward the conference.

The Commission currently participates in the Estuary project by sponsoring the Delta Regional Subcommittee; I represent the Commission on the San Francisco Estuarine Institute's Policy Committee, a non-profit group set up to develop scientific monitoring of the Bay and Delta; and I am also a member of the Friends of the Estuary, a non-profit group set up to promote education and public outreach regarding the Estuary Project.

The Budget and Finance Subcommittee has not reviewed this proposal; the Chairman, Steve Sekelsky, has reviewed the request and states there is adequate funding to contribute to the conference.

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Ms. Margit Aramburu
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Dear Margit,

The San Francisco Estuary Project will hold its third biennial State of the Estuary Conference on October 10, 11 and 12, 1996. The conference is sponsored by the Estuary Project, Friends of the San Francisco Estuary, the San Francisco Estuary Institute and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, and will be held at the newly renovated Golden Gate Club at the Presidio of San Francisco overlooking San Francisco Bay.

An Advisory Committee is developing an exciting and informative program built around the topics of land use, biological resources, wetlands, pollutants, and hydrodynamics including both scientific and management aspects. The conference will include keynote addresses, presentations by the region's foremost scientists and resource managers, policy discussions and examples of model programs. Poster sessions each day will provide time to interact with estuarine scientists and to learn more about innovative management programs.

Part of the conference will be devoted to evaluating progress in implementing the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan and recognizing exemplary implementation efforts. A new State of the Estuary publication will be distributed at the conference. Although Thursday and Friday are technical in nature, the entire conference is intended for all members of the Bay-Delta community, especially scientists, resource managers, elected officials, environmentalists, industry representatives, local government staff, and the interested public. A more detailed program will be available soon.

The two previous conferences were attended by more than 500 persons and were co-sponsored by over 50 local, state and federal agencies and organizations. We are working to make this event equally attractive and well-supported by the community.

We hope the Delta Protection Agency will be one of the 1996 co-sponsors. We are asking co-sponsors for a \$100 contribution (please make checks out to SFEP/ABAG). You will be listed on all conference materials and will receive one complimentary admission to the Saturday program. If you need more information, please call me at 510/653-5723.

Sincerely,



Joan Patton
Conference Manager